

APPLICANT MADE THIS COMMENT
IN LATEST RESPONSE

REMARKS

Claims 2-16 and 18-22 have been presented for consideration in this application. Claims 1 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice and disclaimer of subject matter recited therein. Claims 10-16 are allowed.

Correspondence Address

Applicants would like to respectfully point to the Examiner that Applicants submitted a change of attorney correspondence address request on July 11, 2001; however, applicants are still receiving correspondence on the old address. Applicants respectfully request that the correspondence address be changed as indicated in the change of correspondence address request.

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Claim Objections

Claims 2-5 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2 and 19 have been re-written in independent form and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102(e)

Claims 1, 7, 9, 17-18, and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Janoska et al., US 6,539,024. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim 1 has been canceled thus the rejection of claim 1 has rendered moot.

Claims 7 and 9 have been amended to depend from amended claim 2, which has been indicated as allowable. Therefore, claims 7 and 9 are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as amended claim 2.